| X INTERNSHIP                        | Page 1 of 1                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Division of Forensic Science        | Amendment Designator:           |
| LATENT FINGERPRINTS TRAINING MANUAL | Effective Date: 16-January-2004 |

## X INTERNSHIP

### 10.1 PURPOSE

10.1.1 To give the student the experience of dealing with forensic casework that will eventually lead to successful completion of the program of instruction on friction skin impression identification. The student's examination for this segment of instruction will be the manner in which supervised casework is performed as determined by the supervising examiner and the Latent Print Training Officer.

# 10.2 OBJECTIVES

- 10.2.1 The student will attain:
  - A level of expertise at which the Latent Print Training Officer (or the supervising examiner in conjunction with the Training Officer) feels the student is competent in all phases relative to latent print examination, to include professional attitude.
  - The ability to function alone, as a well trained Forensic Scientist, in the discipline of friction skin impression identification. As such, it should be well understood that frequent consultation with other scientists in the same discipline concerning difficult examinations, identifications, etc., is encouraged for the duration of ones career. Attainment of qualified status does not remove the moral requirement to resolve uncertainties involved in instances of difficult comparisons, examinations, etc.

### **10.3 GOAL**

10.3.1 To graduate a thoroughly professional examiner who can meet the demands and requirements to perform as an expert in the forensic discipline of latent print impression identification.

# 10.4 DISCUSSION

- 10.4.1 Attendance at the Administrative Advanced Latent Fingerprint Training Course of the FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia, should be accomplished sometime during the Internship phase of training (if possible). This 3 week training course is invaluable to the student, but may not be attended until completion of the FBI Basic Classification Course and the FBI Advanced Latent Techniques Course, which are prerequisites. By attending during the internship phase, the student will derive the maximum benefit possible from the training experience. The experience gained during the internship phase of training will assist greatly in accomplishing training tasks required by the FBI during the Administrative Latent Fingerprint School.
- 10.4.2 Completion of an original research project serves to give the student intimate knowledge of the discipline and enhances court qualification. In addition, many worthwhile projects can be pursued which will ultimately benefit the entire Division of Forensic Science while minimizing the loss of qualified examiner time.
- 10.4.3 Before training in an internship status under a Latent Print Examiner other than the Latent Print Training Officer, the student must attain a level of demonstrated ability and competence such that only verification of identifications is continually required (case by case basis).
- 10.4.4 The student will be utilized in latent print examination duties, under the direct supervision of a qualified latent print examiner (usually the Latent Print Training Officer), and is allowed to undertake tasks already covered in the program of instruction. The student's activities will involve performing duties as required by receiving, processing, evaluating evidence, report writing, completion of reports and forms required, marking and preserving latent prints and evidence, and be completely responsible (within supervisory limitations) for the actual cases assigned.